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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments
• Iowa State University, Assistant Professor, starting January 2020
• Wake Forest University, Research Associate in the Eudaimonia Institute, Spring 2018-present

Education
• University of Arizona, Ph.D. in Philosophy, May 2019
• Duke University, M.A. in Philosophy, 2012
• The Angelicum (Italy), Intensive Program in Philosophy, 2008-2010
• Harvard University, A.L.M. in Government, 2008
• Vanderbilt University, B.S. in Economics, Human & Organizational Development, 2004

Peer-Reviewed Publications
• "To Profit Maximize, or Not to Profit Maximize?: For Firms, This *Is* A Valid Question" ***Economics and Philosophy*** vol. 35 (2019), 307-320.
• "Punishment: A Costly Signal?" ***The Journal of Philosophy*** vol. 114 (2017), 208-219.
• "The Threat of Comprehensive Overstimulation in Modern Societies" ***Ethics and Information Technology*** vol. 19 (2017), 69-80.
• "On Lawrence C. Becker's 'The Neglect of Virtue'" ***Ethics*** vol. 125 (July 2015), 1151-1153.
• "Two Psychological Defenses of Hobbes's Claim Against the Fool" ***Hobbes Studies*** vol. 28 (2015), 132-148.
• "What We Owe the Global Poor: In Defense of a Moderate Principle of Sacrifice" ***International Journal of Applied Philosophy*** vol. 27 (Fall 2013), 251-263.
• "A Better Basis for Liberal Equality?: Waldron's Locke and the Rawlsian Alternative" ***Locke Studies*** vol. 12 (2012), 149-182.
• "Assisting the Least Well-Off: An Essay on Human Rights, Information Structures, and the Value of Intercity Partnerships" ***Review of Contemporary Philosophy***, vol. 11 (2012), 72-91.
• "The Ontological Argument: Kant's Criticisms, Plantinga's Reply" ***Kant Studies Online*** (2012), 122-171.
• "Reconsidering the Necessary Beings of Aquinas's Third Way" ***European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*** vol. 4 (Spring 2012), 219-241.
• "The Ironic Legislative Response to Kelo" ***The Municipal Lawyer*** (NY State Bar Association) vol. 26 (Summer 2012), 24-28.
• "Kelo v. City of New London: Its Ironic Impact on Takings Authority" ***The Urban Lawyer*** (American Bar Association) vol. 44 (Fall 2012), 865-908. Cited by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in *Reading Area Water Authority v. Schuylkill River Greenway Association* (2014).
• "Further Thoughts on the Role of the Philosopher" ***American Dialectic*** vol. 1 (2011), 324-326.

Invited Work
• "Review of *Political Utopias: Contemporary Debates*" (Michael Weber and Kevin Vallier, eds.), ***Journal of Moral Philosophy***, forthcoming.
• "Review of Patrick Deneen's *Why Liberalism Failed*," ***Political Economy in the Carolinas*** vol. 2 (2019), 121-124.
• "Justice Theorizing and Local Knowledge," ch. in ***Exploring the Political Economy and Social Philosophy of F. A. Hayek*** (eds. Peter J. Boettke, Virgil Henry Storr, Jayme S. Lemke), New York: Rowman & Littlefield International (2018), 35-54.

Selected Honors and Fellowships
• Riesen Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, co-winner, "Punishment: A Costly Signal?", Philosophy Department, University of Arizona, 2017
• Graduate Fellow at the Center for the Philosophy of Freedom (2013-2018)
• Adam Smith Fellow at the Mercatus Center (2015, 2016, 2018)
• Humane Studies Fellow at the Institute for Humane Studies (2013-2018)
• Graduate Access University Fellowship, University of Arizona (2013)
• Essay Competition Winner ($35,000 prize, co-authored with Daniel Cummings), Virtual Integrated Networking Experience competition (topic: Emerging Market Investment, Geographic Information Systems, & Global Poverty), Social Equity Venture Fund (Templeton), 2009
• Graduate Student Essay Competition Winner ($20,000 prize, co-authored with Karina Robson; topic: Enterprise-Based Solutions to Global Poverty), Social Equity Venture Fund (Templeton), 2008

2008
• Best Senior Thesis Award (human & organizational development major), Vanderbilt, 2004

Teaching
Instructor
• Business Ethics, U. Arizona (online, co-teacher), Fall 2017
• Environmental Ethics, U. Arizona (online, co-teacher), Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant
University of Arizona
• The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation. For Guido Pincione, Spring 2017
• Justice & Virtue. For Michael Gill, Fall 2015
• Mind, Matter & God (lead TA). For Christopher Maloney, Fall 2014
• The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation. For Thomas Christiano, Fall 2013

Duke University
• Existentialism. For Benjamin Ward, Spring 2012
• Human Rights: Theory and Practice. For Allen Buchanan, Fall 2011

Harvard University
• The UN, Peacebuilding & the Future of the State. For Vincenzo Bollettino, Spring 2008
• Graduate Tutor in Government, John Winthrop House, 2007-2008

Selected Presentations
• "Justice and Experiments in Living," Iowa State University (and elsewhere, as job talk), February-March 2019; Eudaimonia Institute, Wake Forest University, January 2019; Davidson College, November 2018
• "Firm Paternalism and Business Ethics," PPE Society, New Orleans, March 2018
• "To Profit Maximize, or Not to Profit Maximize: For Firms, This *Is* A Valid Question," Wake Forest University Business School, February 2018
• "Action Guidance in Moral and Political Theory: A Hayekian Account," Mercatus Center, April 2017
• "The Worldviews of Political Leaders and the Rights of Citizens," St. Thomas Summer Seminar, 2016
• "A Hayekian Knowledge Problem for Political Theorists," Mercatus Center, June 2016
• "The Structure of Virtue & the Structures of Vice," Virtue Ethics Workshop, University of Arizona, November 2015
• "Reconsidering the Necessary Beings of Aquinas's Third Way," North Carolina Philosophical Society/South Carolina Society for Philosophy conference, Elon University, February 2012
• "Normative Issues in Eminent Domain Law," Law and Philosophy Society (student group), Harvard University, November 2008

Research Assistantship
• For Allen Buchanan, Summer 2011-Spring 2012

Professional Service
• Reviewer, *Episteme*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Social Philosophy and Policy*
• Organizer, Reading group for Steven Pinker's Noesis Lecture, the Eudaimonia Institute of Wake Forest University, March-April 2019
• Organizer, Workshop on Daniel Layman's "Locke Among the Radicals: Natural Property and Economic Liberty in the Nineteenth Century," April 2019
• Chair, Culture, Religion, and Eudaimonia Conference, Eudaimonia Institute, March 2019
• Chair, Theistic Ethics Workshop, Wake Forest University, October 2018
• Member, Templeton Reading Group on Honesty (e.g., honesty as a virtue), with Christian Miller, Wake Forest, Fall 2018
• Film Interview on Aristotelian ethics, Green Olive Films, Winston-Salem, NC, May 2018
• Chair, "PPE & the Environment: The Role of Norms in Driving Pro-Environmental Behavior," PPE Society, New Orleans, March 2018
• Chair, Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy workshop, Stephen Galoob's "Injustice, Reparation, and Legitimacy," Tucson, October 2017
• Commentator, *The Ethics of Capitalism* by John Thrasher and Daniel Halliday, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, September 2017
• Webpage Manager, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, Fall 2017-Spring 2019
• Course Developer, *Fundamentals of Political Economy*, Ormond College, University of Melbourne, 2015-2016 (1 semester/year)
• Content Curator, PPE Network, University of Arizona, 2014-2018
• Founder and Organizer, Publication Paper Exchange (for graduate students), Center for the Philosophy of Freedom at the University of Arizona, 2015-2019
• Judge, University of Arizona Graduate School Travel Awards Program, November 2016
• Guest Lecturer (economics & ethics), Rincon High School, November 2016
• Chair, Manuscript Workshop for Fabian Wendt's *Political Morality Beyond Justice*, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, September 2015
• Judge, National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, Duke, Spring 2011
• Judge, S.E.VEN Fund International Graduate Essay Competition, Spring 2010
• President of Philosophy Roundtable, John Winthrop House, Harvard, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

• President and Founder of the Law & Philosophy Society (student group with biweekly meetings), Harvard, Fall 2006-Spring 2008

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